CHAPTER 543

(House Bill 492)

AN ACT to add new Section 3-104[(e)]1 (d) to Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Decedents' Estates," subtitle "Intestate Succession and Statutory Shares," subheading "Intestate Succession," to follow immediately after Section 3-104(d) thereof, to provide a distribution to stepchildren or the issue of any deceased stepchildren before the net estate shall be paid to the Board of Education.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 3-104II(e)11 (d) be and it is hereby added to Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Decedents' Estates," subtitle "Intestate Succession and Statutory Shares," subheading "Intestate Succession," to read as follows:

3-104.

II(E)II (D) IF THERE IS NO SURVIVING BLOOD RELATION ENTITLED TO INHERIT UNDER THIS SECTION, TO THE LIVING STEPCHILDREN OF THE DECEDENT BORN TO ANY LEGAL SPOUSE OF THE DECEDENT WHO WAS NOT DIVORCED FROM [IHIMI] THE DECEDENT, EQUALLY, AND TO THE LIVING CHILDREN OF ANY SUCH STEPCHILDREN WHO PREDECEASED THE IIDECENDENTI DECEDENT, WHO SHALL EQUALLY DIVIDE THE SHARE THEIR DECEASED PARENT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HAD [IHE] THE STEPCHILD SURVIVED THE DECEDENT. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1973 AND APPLY TO ALL ESTATES NOT CLOSED AS OF JULY 1, 1973.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973 [1, and apply to all estates not closed as of said date].

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 544

(House Bill 506)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 36E(g) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Handguns," to require the Handgun Permit Review Board to submit in writing [I, upon the written demand of a person aggrieved by the Board's action, II reasons why the Board has rejected an application for a handgun permit or renewal of a handgun permit or the revocation or limitation of a permit.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 36E(g) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Handguns," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: